9/22/93

Dwar David,

Agter you left Lil saw what she had collected to give the boys.

Like in the Purloined Letter- right next to her on the fireplace.

When I get some time when I'm not writing and don't have time to return to it I'll package it up and mail it.

As I think I told you, I've been writing Kent Carroll from time to time indicating what I can do if Harry's book includes anything like what he has written in letters. It is quite libellous. With me, in addition, there is no question about the malice, the defense of there is malice with the libel target a "public person."

I believe that my friend who is their counsel will have had to recuse himself and that they will have had outside counsel.

From what you have seen I think you can see that if he has anything like that in the book they should see large lawyer's fees and trouble for the book when I respond to it.

Twice in recent weeks, once from New York and also from Dallas, I've gotten reports that are vague and unconfirmed about excisions in the book. None of those mentioned me by name.

I also intended in writing Carroll as I did to make him witting, that is, having knowledge that Harry does not know what he is talking about, even when it is his own book that was published and that as relating to me what he is into knows is false.

So, thinking about all of this again this morning while making a package to get in the mail, I think I'll now do nothing more about that sick and ugly business now. A friend was going to make some inquiries for me from a conversation before I thought this through.

I remain of the belief that from what I've believed for some time, that when Richard wrote those long and false letters all on the same day it reflected some deal made to wipe it all out internally. If there is any kind of ~~tin~~ stink, and I've twice heard that Gary Mack is going to sue if Harry has in the book what he had in letters, I think the deal will hurt, not help your police.

And I may yet make a demand that they do something about Richard's thievery here. I have reason now to believe that he took more than what you know he stole and as you know, I have in his handwriting the fact that he was working for Lifton, who alone had interest in other things I've recently found missing. I have a man student who will do some work for me this semester and I'm going to make a list of what I did not see for him to try to locate. There is some additional stealing that only Posner could have done when he was here but that is not proof. With Richard's record of stealing for Lifton, if those other things cannot be located it will be a prima facie case of additional stealing by him, some beyond question. In haste and best to all, Harold